

## **REMARKS**

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Tamar Harper and SPE Robert Olszewsky for the time and courtesy afforded to Applicant and his attorney, Mr. Burke, during the personal interview on Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended each of the pending claims to recite a "stand alone" game in order to clarify that the outcomes of Applicant's presently claimed games do not rely upon events occurring on other machines or gaming devices. Applicant has also clarified the claims to indicate that the player receiving the enhanced payout is the same player who received the first preselected winning hand, as noted in claim 1. It was agreed at the personal interview that these amendments to the claims would overcome the references of record.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments which might expedite the prosecution of the present application, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the phone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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